

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 4 as follows:

Heavy commercial vehicles (including trucks, buses and coaches) can be distinguished from light commercial vehicles (such as vans) and light passenger vehicles due to one or more of the following characteristics: 1) a laden weight in excess of approximately 3.5 tons-tonnes and 2) the use of air actuated brakes as opposed to hydraulically actuated brakes (because air actuated brakes are better able to withstand the increased heat generated by the repeated braking of a vehicle having a weight in excess of approximately 3.5 tons-tonnes).

Please amend paragraph 40 as follows:

Figures 4A and 4B show a trailing arm 232 according to a first embodiment of the present invention to which a conventional beam-type axle 42 is mounted (Figure 4A only). Such axles 42 are typically capable of each carrying 6 or more tons-tonnes of payload in use. The trailing arm 232 is cast as a single piece and includes a front portion 252 and a rear portion 254 separated by an axle locating portion or feature in the form of a cast axle wrap 256 dimensioned to receive the axle 42 therethrough.